IV. Offshore Production of Crude Oil and Natural Gas

Table 24 show Federal OCS oil and natural gas production as a percentage of total U.S. production. The role of Federal OCS oil and natural gas production as part of total U.S. production has increased steadily since 1954. By 1971, Federal OCS crude oil and natural gas production stood at 11.8 and 12.4 percent, respectively, of the Nation's total. Since 1971, OCS crude oil as a percentage of total U.S. production has remained stable — ranging between 8.8 and 12.9 percent before reaching an all-time high of 15.3 percent in 1994. Production of OCS natural gas as a percentage of total U.S. production has continued to rise since 1971, reaching an all-time high in 1990 of 27.4 percent before dropping to 23.7 percent in 1994.

Tables 25 through 36 compare Federal OCS production to offshore production in State waters. The States producing hydrocarbons in adjacent offshore waters are Alaska, Alabama, California, Louisiana, and Texas. There is no oil or natural gas production on the Federal OCS offshore Alaska.

The Federal OCS accounts for about 80 percent of offshore crude oil and 88 percent of natural gas production. In 1994, Federal production of crude oil and condensate was 37, 74, 93, and 95 percent of total offshore production for Alabama, California, Louisiana, and Texas, respectively. For Alabama, California, Louisiana, and Texas, Federal offshore production is more than 34, 88, 96, and 94 percent, respectively, of total offshore natural gas production.

Tables 37 and 38 present a ranking of operators by field size in Federal offshore waters. There are 119 operators producing crude oil or condensate from Federal OCS leases and 123 producers of natural gas. Of these, the top ten operators produce about 72 percent of OCS oil but only 52 percent of OCS natural gas. The number of producing operators has continually increased since 1983. Most of these operators produce from leases in the Gulf of Mexico. On the Pacific OCS, there are 6 crude oil and natural gas producers.

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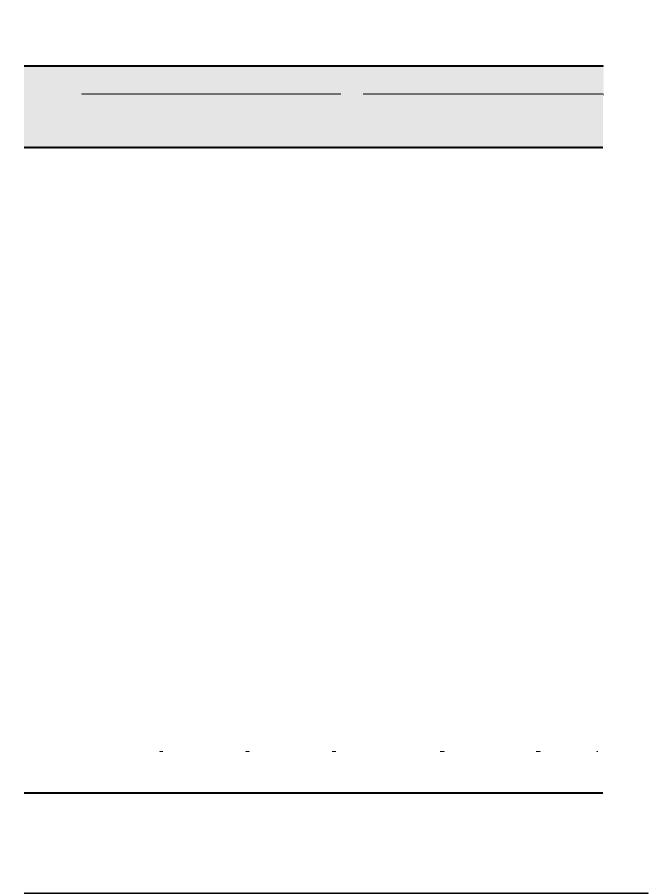
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Table 37. Crude Oil and Condensate: Producing Operators in 1994



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